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OFF THE TRAIL

ROBERT J. BENTLEY, GOVERNOR
STATE OF ALABAMA



The head of the Retirement Systems of Alabama raised eyebrows when he said he was going to build public golf courses to stimulate industrial development in the state.

It was a selling point in landing the first Mercedes-Benz assembly plant in North America in 1993. Now with 11 locations two decades later, the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail continues to pay dividends in 2015. I am delighted to join Dr. David Bronner and RSA in welcoming the PGA TOUR to the Grand National Golf Course in Auburn-Opelika.

I look forward to hosting tournament sponsor Barbasol shave cream in July. This iconic American brand will be highly visible during the run-up to the company centennial in 2019 because of their association with the PGA TOUR in our state. Alabama will celebrate the bicentennial of our statehood the same year.

PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem was on target in his praise for Grand National's challenging Lake course, where the tournament will be held, when he termed it "an outstanding new playing opportunity" for PGA members this season.

Golfers who are familiar with the 26 courses on the Trail will probably agree with the commissioner's assessment. No less an authority on golf course architecture

than the late Trent Jones Sr. proclaimed the 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee shore "the single greatest site for a golf complex I have ever seen." *Golf Digest* editors and readers are equally full of praise for Grand National.

Regardless of where you are in Alabama, I encourage you to visit Grand National and play where some of the world's greatest golfers will compete over the next several years.

As governor, I welcome you to our state. Secretary of Commerce Greg Canfield and I invite you to discuss investment opportunities. The work ethic of our people, our business-friendly tax structure and our beautiful climate will make you a believer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Bentley".

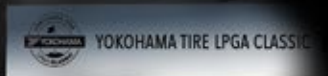
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Governor, State of Alabama

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STILL THE RTJ GOLF TRAIL: GOING STRONG

BY GREGG DEWALT

Tee Times Editor » *Reprinted with permission from Tee Times Paper*

The cliché is that time flies when you are having fun.

If that's true, then it seems like only yesterday when the state of Alabama was introducing a unique concept to golfers back in 1992. That's the year the state became a major player in the golf industry, introducing the world to the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

It was a massive undertaking and the brainchild of Retirement Systems of Alabama head Dr. David Bronner, who definitely went big in his quest to turn Alabama from a drive-through state into a golf destination. ...»

Silver Lakes, Short Course







Since the original seven facilities opened in 1992 and 1993, the RTJ Golf Trail has added four more sites and now blankets the state from north to south and from Birmingham to Georgia. And, it remains as popular as ever, even in what has been a stagnant era for golf growth. The 11 sites feature 26 courses and 468 holes that have been called “the best public golf on earth.”

The trail concept has been imitated countless times in nearly every state that considers golf a source of tourism revenue, but none have matched the scope of the RTJ Golf Trail. Most golf trails simply are a product of taking existing courses and marketing them as a trail. The RTJ Golf Trail was built from scratch — the most ambitious golf course construction project in the game’s history.

The RTJ Golf Trail was built to help expand tourism, recruit industry and attract retirees, thus strengthening the state’s economy while adding to the quality of life for all Alabamians.

Part of Bronner’s investment philosophy hits home in its rationale for funding the Trail: “The stronger the Retirement Systems can make Alabama, the stronger the Retirement Systems of Alabama will be.” The Trail has been a strong contributor

to Alabama’s economy: In the past 10 years, Alabama’s tourism dollars have increased from less than \$2.5 billion to roughly \$9.3 billion.

At least a portion of the idea to turn Alabama into a golf mecca of sorts began with a visit to PGA West in Arizona. There Bronner, an avid golfer, said he watched golfers stand in line to pay \$100 to play an extremely difficult course. His rationale was if something like that was happening in Arizona, why not Alabama?

But the concept also needed name recognition, and who better than renowned golf course designer Robert Trent Jones? Even though Jones was near the end of his career and had little to do with the actual architecture, having his name gave it an immediate “wow” factor. Jones’ protégé Roger Rulewich oversaw the project, and the rest as they say, is history.

Bronner charged the design team with creating masterpieces that were difficult to play but also memorable. Rulewich delivered just that, and because the sites were so distinct, no two holes on the Trail are alike.

In 2013, the Trail celebrated its 10 millionth round.

In recent years, several of the facilities have undergone renovations. Hampton Cove (Huntsville), Silver Lakes (Gadsden/Anniston) and Magnolia Grove (Mobile)



Cambrian Ridge, Sherling

have been reworked in some form, and Cambrian Ridge (Greenville), a 27-hole Trail site, is re-doing its greens nine holes at a time.

Also, the Lakewood Golf Club, the only site on the Trail not built from scratch, has undergone \$33 million in renovations to its two courses, clubhouse and construction of a new swim and tennis club.

According to a recent *Golf Digest* survey, golfers ranked the Trail among the top eight in the nation for quality of golf. *GolfWorld* readers named the sites in Opelika and Prattville as the top two public golf sites in the country. Mobile ranked number 32.

Each trail stop has either on-site hotel accommodations or within minutes. Magnolia Grove and Prattville have each hosted LPGA events, while Auburn/Opelika has hosted NCAA Regional competitions. The Shoals has hosted the NCAA Division II men's national championship and a variety of men's and women's conference tournaments.

Affordable, accessible and playable make Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail a must-visit destination for golfers of all skill levels. For details about the Trail, the courses, resort hotels and directions, visit www.rtgolf.com. ■

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Stacy Lewis

PLAY WHERE THE PROFESSIONALS COMPETE: AMERICA'S ORIGINAL GOLF TRAIL

Jason Dufner has played it. So have Michelle Wie, Graeme McDowell, Annika Sorenstam and millions of other golfers. America's Original Golf Trail attracts golfers globally and continues to add professional golf events televised around the world. July 2015 brings a new chapter to the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's history – the PGA TOUR and the Barbasol Championship in Auburn/Opelika.

"We are excited to announce the creation of the Barbasol Championship and to present an outstanding new playing opportunity for our members beginning next season," said PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem. "Barbasol has been a leader in the industry for more than 90 years and we are delighted to forge this new relationship with such an iconic brand. We are equally pleased to partner with the Robert Trent Jones Trail Foundation and to bring this tournament to the renowned Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and Grand National's exceptional Lake Course." Grand National is one of 11 facilities of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail that now includes 26 golf courses throughout Alabama.



MAKING GOLF HISTORY

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail not only made history as the largest golf course construction project, it continues to make the spotlight through hosting professional competitions. In 2011, 16-year-old Lexi Thompson made golf history when she sank her final putt on the 18th green to win the Navistar LPGA Classic, becoming the youngest ever in the LPGA at that time. The next morning, golfers from throughout the region were able to play the same Senator Course at Capitol Hill on Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. While everyone certainly will not hit shots as far as Lexi

or putt as well as Stacy Lewis, all are welcome to play the same tournament courses along America's Original Golf Trail.

In 2014, two LPGA tournaments were held along the RTJ Golf Trail. The Airbus LPGA Classic was played on the Crossings course in Mobile with American Jessica Korda winning. In September, the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic was held for the first of its three-year commitment with MJ Hur setting a tournament record. In 2015 the PGA TOUR professionals will take on the Lake Course at RJT Grand National.



Jessica Korda



Mi Jung Hur



Lexi Thompson

PUBLIC GOLF WITH PROFESSIONAL QUALITY

Here is an overview of the three Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail locations and their tournaments which have been recently highlighted on the professional golf stage. Best of all, outside of the tournament dates, these three locations and the entire Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail are accessible to the general public for play.

PGA TOUR'S BARBASOL CHAMPIONSHIP

July 13 – 19, 2015 » RTJ Grand National, Opelika

A new PGA TOUR tournament sponsored by Barbasol, the No. 1 shaving cream brand in the U.S., will debut in 2015 at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Grand National. A four-year agreement establishing the Barbasol Championship was announced by Governor Robert Bentley and representatives from the PGA TOUR and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Foundation, which will serve as the tournament host organization.

The Barbasol Championship will be held at the Grand National – Lake Course July 13-19, 2015, the same week as The British Open. “Alabamians pride themselves on the beauty, hospitality and charm of our state, and we are excited to showcase that to the world with the PGA TOUR’s Barbasol Championship in the Auburn-Opelika area,” Governor Robert Bentley said. “This event will bring tens of thousands of people, from all over the world, to see the beauty that Alabama and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has to offer.” The Barbasol Championship will become part of the FedExCup competition, awarding 300 points to the winner.

“We are extremely pleased to be partnering with the PGA TOUR and the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail,” said Tom Murray, President and CEO of Perio Inc., the parent company of Barbasol. “As we approach Barbasol’s 100th, bringing together two of America’s most respected, iconic brands is further proof of our long-term commitment to expanding our sports partnerships.”

In 1997, the Lake Course played host to what is now the Web.com Tour Championship, the season-ending championship for the PGA TOUR’s Web.com Tour. The tournament also was held at RTJ Golf Trail courses in Mobile (1998), Dothan (1999-2000) and Prattville (2001-2005). Grand National, which has two championship courses – the Lake and the Links – plus a short course, was among the original eight facilities. A golfing community and Marriott Hotel are adjacent to the courses at Grand National.

YOKOHAMA TIRE LPGA CLASSIC

August 24 – 30, 2015 » RTJ Capitol Hill, Prattville

Mi Jung Hur walked off the 7th green with a bogey, Sunday – her only of the day – just as Stacy Lewis exited the 8th green just ahead with a birdie. The four-shot lead, which Hur shared at the start of the day with Paula Reto, had been quickly dwindled down to one, and the world No. 1 was on a roll at 4-under through eight holes. But from there, Hur reeled off her best golf in a week unlike any other in her career, pouring in birdies on five of the final 11 holes.

She saw Lewis was charging and began her response with a birdie on No. 9. Then, when Lewis again cut the lead to one shot on No. 10, Hur poured in a 35-foot putt on No. 11 to regain control. She followed with birdies on Nos. 13, 14 and 16 to hold off Lewis and her final-round 66 with a 66 of her own for a four-shot win and her second career victory at 21-under-par.

Hur wanted this so bad for three years. She first won in 2009 and finished 31st on the money list in 2010. But the three years that followed were trying – a frustrating swing change that never seemed to click. Sunday was the fruit of all that labor, and the tears flowed before she had even left the 18th tee box. Tears of joy or tears of relief? “Three year relief,” Hur answered.

There was a comfort, too, that only a father can provide. She had it every time she looked over to her bag to pull a club. She had it every time she needed help reading a green. He was her first swing coach and he was there on the bag all four days of the win she’s waited on for five years. “If I had a missed shot or missed putt, he can pick right away what’s wrong, what’s going on in my swing,” Hur said, “so I can have a right feel right away after a missed shot, so it was really helpful for the week.”

Just behind Hur was Lewis in second at 17-under-par. Paula Reto finished in third at 14-under-par. Kris Tamulis posted the best finish of her career with a four-place finish, and Jody Ewart Shadoff and Moriya Jutanugarn tied for fifth.

Local favorite and Auburn University alum, Cydney Clanton, took away a lot of positives from her performance, finishing tied for seventh at the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic.

AIRBUS LPGA CLASSIC

May 18 – 24, 2015 » RTJ Magnolia Grove, Mobile (Tentative)

Jessica Korda became the third two-time winner on the LPGA Tour last year when she won the 2014 Airbus LPGA Classic by a stroke (–20) over Anna Nordqvist (–19). It was once again a stacked leaderboard at an LPGA event with an exciting fight to the finish, with eight players within four shots of Korda at the end.

Korda joins Nordqvist and Karrie Webb with two wins in 2014 and said this win was a sweet one because she felt she hasn’t been playing up to her standards after Bahamas. “I have not been playing well since I basically won in the Bahamas, and still trying to work on the same swing thoughts that Grant and I have been working on, so for it to finally pay off here is really nice,” Korda said. In 2013, Korda came up one stroke short of eventual champion Jennifer Johnson (–21) but this year, the 20-under was enough for a victory.

“My confidence just was rising every single day,” Korda said. I just love it here. I love Alabama, I love this golf course, and hopefully we’ll have this tournament for a very, very long time.”

Her putts started dropping on the back nine with six birdies after she made the turn. It was just enough to hold off Nordqvist and Michelle Wie, Charley Hull and Catriona Matthew, all at 18-under.

Lexi Thompson had a number in mind that she had to shoot in order to win the Airbus LPGA Classic and she ended up coming up short despite shooting a 6-under, including four birdies on the back nine. Thompson has many supporters across Alabama, a fact that was not lost on her. She fed off their energy and felt the love as she and her group played today. “My group had pretty good crowds the whole week, so it was very nice to see,” Thompson said. “I love my fans here.”

FOR MORE ON THE ROBERT TRENT JONES GOLF TRAIL, its Resort Collection and professional golf tournaments, visit www.rtgolf.com. Information on each of these courses and the entire RTJ Golf Trail can be found in the back section of this guide.



Ross Bridge

BUCKET LIST BLAZING ON ALABAMA'S RTJ TRAIL

BY JIM OWCZARSKI » *Reprinted with permission from Golf Chicago*

A TRAVEL JOURNAL *with* POPS

“Let’s do this.”

It’s how we started every morning, on every first tee, followed with a fist bump. I’m not sure why my dad decided to make that the mantra of our trip through the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama, but it fit. After all, when two guys on two sets of surgically repaired knees set out to play eight golf courses and 153 holes over five days, it made sense to adopt a rally cry of sorts.

This bucket list trip with my pops requires a short backstory. My dad, also named Jim, tried to bring me into golf as a kid, but I’m an ‘80s baby from the south suburbs of Chicago. I grew up with Michael Jordan and Frank Thomas. What golf? I eventually got hooked on the game in my 20s and it’s been a great way to bond with pops. Over the years, I’ve married, moved away, and we don’t play as often. I miss it. So, I had been thinking about a father-son golf trip. But where to go? It had to be...different. Epic. The “RTJ Trail” was it.

The Trail and its layout is built for just this sort of thing. It consists of 11 complexes (468 holes) in 13 cities stretching from the northern tip of Alabama to the Gulf Coast, all designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. himself or his design firm. The Trail is easily navigated and it has a plethora of partner hotels on the route. If you build the time into your journey, then there are plenty of sights to see along the way. The courses are a wonderful mix, from short par-3 courses to tour-quality routings set uniquely in foothills, alongside lakes and rivers, and within swampland. The elevation changes make your heart race as you stand on a tee box, or pull a wedge to a false-fronted green a hundred yards away, but 30 yards above you. For two native Chicagoans, there was nothing like it. ...»



MARCH 9

Into Alabama, we got to know everyone's name — literally. Places like Rick's, Parker's, and Dot's welcome you. We arrived to a waterfall and aquarium at the Marriott Shoals in Florence in nine hours on the nose, along with the Tennessee River and the Wilson Dam beneath our window. We visited Swampers Bar, which chronicled the history of music in Muscle Shoals. After a long day on the road, it was a great way to end the night.

MARCH 10

Golf began at the Fighting Joe in Muscle Shoals. With an unseasonably cool winter, the rough was still dormant, but the green fairways and putting surfaces provided a striking contrast. There aren't too many trees to worry about, but there is water on 13 of 18 holes. The wind is definitely a factor here. The 18th hole was a memorable par 3 that required an uphill tee shot at the clubhouse with the Tennessee River looming to the right.

Though it was our first round together since last summer, we found our chemistry on the third hole. I left my ball on the green, and dad putted down a ridge. It nicked my ball.

"That's two shots for not marking your ball," he said.

"That's six shots for sucking."

We laughed.

Afterward, we left for Prattville and discovered that roller rinks remain popular and peaches are a fruit of choice. Churches and shuttered full-service gas stations dotted the roadway. We pulled into the Montgomery Marriott Prattville in time for dinner at the Oak Tavern, and the cozy room had a modern look. We were ready for four days of 36 holes!

MARCH 11

The opening tee shot at The Judge at Capitol Hill, 200 feet above a fairway pinched by the Alabama River with a warm fog beneath us, was jaw dropping. Even the old man paused.

"Whoa."

The cart path restriction was tough, but the course was fair—though you had to think about shot placement and deceptive hazards. The greens were some of the best I've ever putted on. Water levels were low, but it was still unique, allowing us to see scores of turtles and the red clay of the swamp beds.

We then headed to The Senator and couldn't ask for a course that was a greater contrast to The Judge. No trees were in play and it allowed you to take on doglegs and the mounding with the potential for big reward. The large greens required more precision and patience.

Following dinner, I learned the "to-go" cup — a fresh refill of your coffee or sweet tea — is standard practice. Awesome.

MARCH 12

The Cambrian Ridge in Greenville is set on the edge of the Appalachian chain. The elevation on the Sherling-Canyon combination was unforgettable. The natural funnels add dozens of yards requiring a precise approach.

We then headed to the Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Convention Center at Grand National. What a treat, as the two-room suite overlooked a pool, patio, tennis courts and Lake Saugahatchee. Weary joints welcomed the indoor hot tub

and food and service from the Lakeview restaurant, and the Fairways Lounge was top notch.

MARCH 13

Grand National awaited us, beginning with the firm greens of The Lakes course, which were routed between mature trees and around the lake. The Links course was also a pleasant surprise in that it featured beautiful tree lines and spectacular bunkering, along with the challenge of more water and impressive elevation changes.

After golf, we headed to Hoover, and it was time for some hard questions from the golf writer.

Do you think it'd be better to play 18 a day and see the sights?

"That's fine, but we came to play golf."

How does this compare to your other golf getaways?

"For public courses, they're in good shape. Some of the ones in Myrtle Beach are kinda ratty."

There are some weird town names in this state, huh?

"Yeah. That one looks like it should be in Wisconsin."

We then arrived at the stunning Renaissance Ross Bridge; a castle against the night sky welcomed our tired bones. Our two-room suite included a kitchenette and living area that led out to a balcony overlooking the golf course and pool. The bedroom was large and modern, and it was definitely a great way to rest up for our final day of golf.

MARCH 14

"Last day, Dad."

"Let's do this."

Ross Bridge was immaculate. Flowers bloomed, and it felt like sticking a tee in astroturf. The greens were carpet. We had gotten used to the hills, but not the vistas: we'd stop and just take it all in. After that, we headed down the road to Oxmoor Valley and the Ridge Course.

As we waited on lunch, dad pointed to a framed picture. It was "The Duffer," a player leaning on his back leg, his front leg way out in the air.

"That's what you look like when you duff," I said.

Dad laughed.

We teed off, and it amazed us that even after a week of rolling hills, nothing repeated. I repeat, nothing repeated! Each hole was its own beast, with its own beauty. On the 18th, dad hit his final fairway of the week and I tapped in for par. We arrived back at Ross Bridge, exhausted, to the tune of the bagpiper signaling the end of daylight. We topped it all off in The Clubhouse with sweet tea and Alabama craft beer.

MARCH 15

The odometer rested on 1,819.6 in Tinley Park. We took nearly that many shots (1,685) and dad's pedometer overheated with over 100,000 steps. The trip was full of laughter, a few curses and birdies, but all new memories for a father and a son together. Some of our favorites were the people, who were legitimately happy we were there, proud of the Trail and what it meant to the state.

But I had one last question.

"Would you do this again?"

"Oh yeah." ■




Capitol Hill, Judge



Shoals, Fighting Joe



Spa at Ross Bridge



After a challenging round on America's Original Golf Trail, head into one of the five RTJ resort spas and prepare for a blend of therapy and rejuvenation. Ranked some of Marriott and Renaissance Hotels' top spas in North America, each of the spas in the RTJ Resort Collection offers a full range of treatments from deep tissue massages to facials to luxurious pampering. The choice is yours and we are confident you will leave refreshed and ready for another 18 or 36 holes of RTJ golf.

RELAX. RE CHARGE. REPEAT.

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail has inspired other trails to blaze across the state, including the RTJ's Spa Trail. From the shores of Mobile Bay to the banks of the Tennessee River, the RTJ Resorts and their spas stretch across Alabama, just like the Golf Trail. The five locations with spas are the Marriott Shoals in Florence, Renaissance Ross Bridge in Birmingham, Renaissance Montgomery, the Battle House in Mobile and the Grand Hotel in Pt. Clear. Renaissance Riverview Plaza is located just down the street from the Battle House Spa. While the Marriotts in Prattville and Opelika don't have spas, both have whirlpools and close proximity to the Trail.

Ranging from 90 to 405 luxury guest rooms, the Resort Collection on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail offers great lodging, dining, recreation, meeting facilities and access to the Golf Trail. After a relaxing spa treatment, a great meal, a cold beverage and some hot music, the resort collection has more than 2,500 luxury beds and 10,000 plush pillows awaiting guests in search of a good night's sleep. Here is a preview of the upscale lodging options waiting for you on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. Pleasant dreams and we look forward to seeing you on the course in the morning. ...»

MOBILE BAY REGION

Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa

Point Clear, Alabama www.marriottgrand.com

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Since 1847, The Grand has maintained a gracious tradition of Southern hospitality on historic Mobile Bay. The Grand Hotel is a family-friendly historical hotel that is 168 years young. The resort has received national honors from *Travel + Leisure*, *Conde Nast Traveler*, *Tennis Magazine*, *Successful Meetings* and *Meetings South*. A schedule of activities and special weekends is particularly attractive to families. Groups appreciate the superlative meeting facilities. With 405 luxurious guest rooms and having some of Marriott's best spas, golf courses and pools, the Grand Hotel is now grander than ever. Once restricted, these golf courses are now open to Grand Hotel guests and the general public.

The resort has 37,000 square feet of meeting space that was completely renovated in 2006. All guest rooms were updated in 2010. The Grand's 550 acres feature giant live oak trees, multiple beaches and lush landscaping. A military salute and cannon firing takes place each day at 4 p.m. and is followed by afternoon tea in the hotel lobby. In addition to world-class golf and the 20,000-square-foot spa, the resort has a variety of activities including eight rubico tennis courts, a croquet lawn, horseshoes, bikes, kayaks, sailboats and other watercrafts for the guests' enjoyment.

For those wanting to own a piece of the Grand Hotel, Colony at the Grand offers upscale condominium options overlooking Mobile Bay and the Azalea golf course. For more on the Colony, visit www.colonyatthegrand.com.

The Battle House Renaissance Mobile Hotel & Spa

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Originally built in 1852 and closed in the mid-1970s, the Battle House in Mobile has been restored to all its original grandeur. The Battle House reopened in 2007 and has been named as one of the "Top 500 Hotels in the World" by *Travel + Leisure*. Both the Battle House and its Trellis Room restaurant have received Four Diamond ratings from AAA. The hotel has also been named one of *National Geographic Traveler's* "Top Places to Stay" in North America and was named a favorite by *Coastal Living*.

The 238 gracious guest rooms, new spa and historic lobby, restaurant and ballrooms make Battle House the perfect urban retreat for business and leisure guests with an affinity for the finer things in life. The hotel has 35,000 square feet of meeting space and is connected to RSA Battle House Tower. Located directly on the parade route, Battle House is a great Mardi Gras choice. On New Year's Eve, come witness MoonPie Over Mobile in a one-of-a-kind celebration.

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

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A prime downtown location with a covered walkway to the Mobile Convention Center makes the Renaissance Riverview Plaza a favorite for business guests. Renaissance Riverview Plaza, a Four Diamond Hotel, also is a short walk from the city's Carnival Museum, the Museum of Mobile and the Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, which also features blockbuster exhibitions.

RTJ SPA TRAIL

First came great golf in 1992. Next, luxury hotels were added. Now the latest hospitality advances in Alabama come from world-class spas — five of them — and the creation of the RTJ Spa Trail.

From traditional hot stone massages to caviar facials, the RTJ Spa Trail offers innovative treatments in exquisite settings. Owned by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the RTJ Spa Trail is part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Resort Collection. Come experience some of Marriott's top spas globally and enjoy the finest in Southern hospitality on the Spa Trail. They include, from south to north:

- » THE SPA AT THE GRAND/Point Clear
- » THE SPA AT THE BATTLE HOUSE/Mobile
- » THE SPA AT MONTGOMERY/Montgomery
- » THE SPA AT ROSS BRIDGE/Birmingham
- » THE SPA AT THE SHOALS/Florence

Having undergone a \$50 million renovation, the 374 plush guest rooms are as popular as the hotel's spectacular views of Mobile Bay. The Harbor Room restaurant features exceptional seafood and steaks. Riverview Plaza features 32,000 square feet of versatile meeting, banquet and exhibit space. Mobile is the home of the country's original Mardi Gras, and parades pass in front of the Renaissance Riverview Plaza during Carnival season.

Guests at all three Mobile Bay resorts have easy access to great golf at RTJ's Magnolia Grove. Creeks, marshlands and lakes add to the challenge of Mobile's Magnolia Grove. The Falls, Crossings and Short courses have all received national recognition from various golf publications.

CENTRAL ALABAMA & MONTGOMERY REGION

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center

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The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa at the Convention Center opened in 2008 and brings Alabama's capital city a great cultural, culinary and corporate hub. The hotel features 346 luxurious rooms and suites, several restaurants and bars and a European-style spa. Located near the Alabama River, Renaissance Montgomery is a part of the city's downtown revitalization. For concerts, plays and general entertainment, the hotel's 1,800-seat performing arts centre is quickly becoming the city's social hot spot.

Renaissance Montgomery includes a newly renovated and expanded convention center. The hotel complex has more than 142,000 square feet of meeting space and features some of the latest technology available for meetings. The Spa at Renaissance Montgomery remained one of the top ranked Renaissance spas in North America last year. The Renaissance Montgomery is approximately 10 minutes from the Capitol Hill site on the RTJ Trail and the Yokohama Tire LPGA Classic.

Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill

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Minutes from downtown Montgomery and near the Bass Pro Shop and other shopping, the Marriott hotel's 95 guest rooms were completely renovated in 2009. Seventy-



Spa at the Battle House



Spa at the Grand



Spa at Montgomery



Spa at the Shoals

four spacious guest rooms are located in the main lodge. Two eight-room luxury villas have living areas for informal gatherings and are ideal for golfing groups.

The 10,000-square-foot Presidential Cottage features five executive suites, private balconies, a lush garden and a private heliport. The hotel was the first to be built directly on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses and overlooks the 54 holes of championship golf at Capitol Hill. Named the number 2 site for public golf in the country by *GolfWorld* readers, this RTJ site hosts the Yokohama Tire PGA Classic each year.

The Marriott's Oak Tavern offers dining with an extraordinary view overlooking the 17th Fairway of the Senator Course. Indoor and outdoor dining options are available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel features 15,000 square feet of event space, including 13 venues, a new ballroom and pre-function area and a covered terrace.

Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Conference Center at Grand National

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The Marriott made a big splash in 2012 with the opening of a resort pool complex and a new tennis complex opened in 2013. In July 2015, the PGA TOUR Barbasol Championship will be coming to Grand National and the Marriott will be in the middle of the action. Named the number 1 location for public golf in the country by *GolfWorld* readers, it is easy to see why *U.S. News & World Report* named Auburn/Opelika one of the top places to retire for golf lovers. This location offers both a great hotel and an upscale residential option.

Situated just 10 minutes from Auburn University, in the quaint historic town of Opelika, the Auburn/Opelika Marriott offers the finest accommodations in the area. This nationally renowned retreat is the region's premier golf destination and lakeside resort with 54 holes of Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail golf. The majority of guest rooms in this luxury hotel and resort overlook Grand National's golf course, the pool and tennis complexes and Lake Saugahatchee. The hotel has 114 guest rooms and 15 luxury suites.

This hotel has 15,000 square feet of technology-equipped event space, a business center and a 96-seat amphitheater. For golfers wanting to move

to the area, National Village offers upscale homes and cottages adjacent to Grand National. From a primary residence to second homes, National Village has great options and golf waiting for you. For more on this upscale Trail residential option, visit www.nationalvillage.com.

NORTH ALABAMA & BIRMINGHAM REGION

Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa

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Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa is designed to provide a unique environment of stylish comfort and sophistication. Ross Bridge was named one of the "Top 75 Golf Resorts in North America" by *Golf Digest*. *Travel + Leisure* has named Ross Bridge "One of the Top 500 Hotels in the World." This Four Diamond resort has 259 guest rooms, with balconies overlooking the fourth longest golf course in the world at 8,191 yards from the tips. The resort also has 11 spacious suites for an extra level of comfort and indulgence. Between Ross Bridge and nearby Oxmoor Valley, golfers have access to 54 holes of golf at this luxury resort.

Ross Bridge is the host hotel for the Porsche Sport Driving School and offers luxurious pampering in a 12,000-square-foot European spa. Caviar facials, a couple's treatment room and hot stone massages are signature treatments in the spa. Renaissance Hotels has named Ross Bridge as one of their top spas.

The resort has multiple restaurants including fine dining with a Mediterranean influence in Brock's. The Clubhouse was named one of *Golf Digest's* "Favorite 19th Holes." For meetings or special events, Ross Bridge has 20,000 square feet of function space ranging from a large ballroom to a smaller, distinctive boardroom. The resort consistently remains among the top Renaissance hotels in the world for guest satisfaction and overall style.

Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa

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Overlooking the Tennessee River and historic Wilson Dam in Florence, Alabama, the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa continues to be the Marriott leader for exceptional golf, spas, dining, hotel rooms and guest satisfaction. The 200 guest rooms, including seven suites, have private balconies and riverfront views. The resort features Alabama's only revolving restaurant and more than 30,000 square feet of versatile meeting space. For guest satisfaction, the hotel's spa is consistently one of Marriott's top 10 internationally for guest satisfaction.

The Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa is a short distance from two new Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail courses – Fighting Joe and Schoolmaster. The Fighting Joe was named among the top 10 new courses by *Golf Magazine* and *Travel + Leisure Golf*. The Schoolmaster course opened in 2005 and approaches 8,000 yards. In addition to great golf, the Shoals area is internationally known for two things: bass fishing and a rich musical heritage.

Swampers Bar and Grill celebrates the area's rich musical heritage. Rolling Stones, Cher, Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Wilson Pickett and others recorded in the Shoals and are featured in the documentary *Muscle Shoals*. The area still has many songwriters and recording studios. For upscale dining, the revolving 360 tower restaurant offers remarkable cuisine and amazing views of the Tennessee River. The 6,000-square-foot European-style spa and salon helps make the Marriott Shoals Hotel & Spa the premier resort in the Tennessee River Valley. ■

SPA TRAIL CARD OFFERS DISCOUNTS

The annual RTJ Spa Trail Card offers discounts on treatments and other items at the Resort Collection spas. **Receive a 20% discount on RTJ Resort Collection spa services, 15% discount on products, a \$20 spa gift card and more with the \$50 Spa Trail Card for 2015.** Spa Trail Cards are available in the individual spas and online at www.rtjgolf.com in the Shop section.

The Spa Trail Card is not to be used in conjunction with any other discounts. A limited number of rooms are available at the discounted rates and are subject to availability. In order to receive your discount, Spa Trail Card must be presented at time of check in at Spa or Food and Beverage outlet. Discount not valid in hotel gift shops. The 2015 Spa Trail Card expires December 31, 2015. Other restrictions may apply.

That double bogey on the fifth hole, where I had a fried egg lie near the lip of a greenside bunker and it took me two shots to extract my ball from the sandy situation? After four straight pars to start the round? **No problem.**

DISCOVERING NIRVANA:

Spa visit improves golfer's game.

The lost ball on No. 12 after a birdie on 11? Hey, it happens. The par putt that lipped out on 17? That's golf, right?

Now that I think about it, my round of golf at the Falls Course at Mobile's Magnolia Grove Golf Course, part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, was a pretty good round for me. At least that's the way I remember it now. ...»

BY TOMMY HICKS
Sportswriter for al.com



In truth, I can't wait to play again, especially since discovering the best 19th hole in all of golfdom; the best and most immediate way to turn what may or may not have been — I can't recall now — a frustrating round of golf into a relaxing, I-feel-sooooo-much-better, life is good day.

I owe it all to Alyson — the Queen of the Overlapping Grip, Eraser of the Three-Putt Blues, Princess of the Shoulder Rub, Issuer of the Bad Day Mulligan.

Have you ever had a massage?

That question was posed to me recently and I answered that I had not. A resolution was then suggested: play a round of golf at Magnolia Grove, then head to downtown Mobile for a therapeutic massage at The Spa at the Battle House Hotel. Top if off, it was suggested, by staying at the Battle House that evening.

I agreed. As such, I am a changed man. Forever. OK, so my golf game is no better, but that doesn't bother me nearly as much anymore. I now know the joys of massage. And as great as a massage in any circumstance must be, a massage — an 80-minute, therapeutic massage at The Spa at the Battle House, or any of the other four locations on the Robert Trent Jones Spa Trail — is an attitude-changer after a round of golf.



A masseuse isn't going to cure my slice, the yips, bad club selection, a bad swing, bad tempo or an overall bad game. But having a massage after a round of golf, regardless of the score, can shave at least three strokes off your frustration level. Guaranteed.

I didn't really know what to expect, but what I quickly discovered is my second massage can't take place soon enough. When I entered The Spa at the Battle House I was warmly greeted and escorted to the spa area where I was offered refreshments and the opportunity to take advantage of the other amenities available. And I did. I changed and immediately headed for the sauna, which proved a great choice and start. A quick shower afterward and I moved on to the huge whirlpool, followed by a few minutes of simply relaxing. And I was relaxed, but it would get much better.

Did I mention Alyson? Following a few minutes of quiet time after being in the whirlpool, I was informed it was time for my massage. I was introduced to Alyson who escorted me into one of the massage rooms. She described all the stages of the massage she would be giving, explaining each step so I knew what to expect.



“Any tension or apprehension I may have had quickly disappeared. I became so relaxed there were portions of the massage where I could be accused of napping.”

Any tension or apprehension I may have had quickly disappeared. I became so relaxed there were portions of the massage where I could be accused of napping. The soft music and low lights in the massage room added the perfect environment. I could feel all the tension escaping. The massage took 80 minutes but seemed much shorter. I expected to feel sore, but instead felt more relaxed than I can remember feeling in a long time.

After politely turning down my marriage proposal, Alyson told me there was no rush for me to leave and suggested I continue to take advantage of the spa area for as long as I so desired. I did, making sure to get in another round of visits in the sauna, whirlpool and shower and spending several minutes, again, simply relaxing. If so moved, I could also have made use of the exercise room or the swimming pool and any number of other amenities provided at The Spa, a bona fide Ahhhhh haven.

And there was still more. The stay at the Battle House Hotel provided the perfect ending and setting to a day that quickly moved from errant tee shots to an on-target evening. The dining and after-hours selections at the hotel were in line with the service and quality of the guest rooms.

At one time it was my quest to play a round of golf at each of the RTJ Golf Trail sites, and that quest is close to completion. But my focus has shifted. It is now my goal to get a massage at each of the stops along the RTJ Spa Trail – aside from the Battle House there is The Spa at the Grand (Marriott's Grand Hotel in Point Clear), The Spa at Montgomery (The Renaissance Montgomery Hotel), The Spa at Ross Bridge (The Renaissance Ross Bridge Golf Resort in Hoover) and The Spa at the Shoals (Marriott Shoals Hotel in Florence).

Have you ever had a massage? Trust me, it can do wonders for your golf game. ■

Nall

SHARING ALABAMA ART WITH THE WORLD

A Southern artist with an international following, Nall has a unique style that has captivated the attention of the world. The gifted artist grew up in Troy, Alabama, and began drawing arts and crafts at his family's city park at just four years old.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Nall was awarded top score entrance at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris. Surrounded by painters, musicians, and writers, he excelled among his contemporaries. At that point, he was mentored by Spanish Surrealist, Salvador Dali, who advised him to "Draw from life, draw, again and again." Nall was also inspired by American psychedelic art, fauvism, impressionism and Japanese wash drawings but then returned to basic black and white drawing and on concentrating on building a solid artistic foundation on drawing skills.

Having exhibited his works all over the United States and Europe since 1971, Nall returned to his roots as artist in residence at The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where students had the opportunity to apprentice in his on-campus studio and saw his retrospective at the Sarah Moody Gallery.

In 2000 Nall was the curator for "Alabama Art," an exhibit of 13 Alabama Artists, with the aid of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Art and the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Nall compiled the works and did the layout for the book titled "Alabama Art" published by Black Belt Press. This book won the Mary Ellen Lopresti ARLIS/Southeast Publishing Award for "Best Art Book" published that year in the Southeastern U.S.A. After serving two semesters as artist-in-residence at Troy University, Nall was awarded a Doctorate Honoris Causa from Troy University, Alabama. In July 2000 Nall created an illustration for the 51st Monaco Red Cross Ball per the request of H.S.H. Prince Albert of Monaco.

Nall has worked extensively with the Retirement Systems of Alabama and its resorts to showcase the "Alabama Art" collection. All eight RSA hotels along the Trail feature works exclusively by Alabama artists, including Nall. The artworks range from primitive, outsider art pieces to intricate mosaics and oils to photography.

Living in his home state of Alabama, in 2005 he completed building his studio in Fairhope, Alabama, where he invites apprentices to work with him, and spends his summers in France at the N.A.L.L. Art Association. Nall divides his time working between the Alabama and French Rivieras. ■

For more information on Nall and Alabama Art, email artistnall@gmail.com or call 251.455.0132. Many of the pieces on display are available for purchase. Gallery open to the public at 414 Equality Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532.





**ARTISTS WITH WORKS HANGING
IN RSA'S ALABAMA HOTELS &
RESORTS INCLUDE:**

Judith Amanda, Jennifer Antoline, Margaret Barber, Ann Mottershead Betak, Sloane Bibb, Sue Blackshear, Julia Bradshaw, Neal Brantley, Kyle Braund, Edward Brummal, Nan Cunningham, Mike Handley, Marty Hoerr, J J Gaudel, Sybil Gibson, Sarita Gish, Jim Gunter, Anton Haardt, Amber Hall, Baba Hendricks, Carrie Johnson, Robert Harold Johnston III, Christy Rhodes Kirk, Charlie Lucas, Betty Sue Matthews, Jim Morris, Maya Morland, Christopher Moses, Haardt Moses, Donna Pickens, Tigjo Price, Barbara Reed, Natalyn Havenick Rose, Conrad & Janice Ross, Jayne Rushin, Michael Simpson, David M. Spears, George Taylor, Les Thompson, Langley Tolbert, Melissa Tubbs, Mary Catherine Watson and Dave Willmart.

Xander Booker, Chip Cooper, Russell Goodloe, Nancy Goodman, Erin Fitzhugh Gregory, Stacey Howell, Robert Johnston, Ryan Clifford Keller, Mary Riser Kennedy, Bruce Larsen, Linda Ledet, Charlie Lucas, Michael Mastro, Betty Sue Matthews, Herbert "Mannie" Pair, Heather Pettersen, Joan White-Spunner, Lynda Smith Touart, Bradley Robertson, Stephen Savage, Kate Seawell, Susan Starr, Steve Strickland, Les Thompson, Annie Tolliver, Susan Downing White, Devlin Wilson and Robert Zimmerman.

Artists Linda Ledet, Paul Looney, Ann Morland, Kate Seawell, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, and Yvonne Wells also have works on consignment in the Renaissance Montgomery. Deceased artists in permanent collection include: Steve Skidmore, Jimmy Lee Sudduth, Mose T and Flemming Tyler Wilson.

GRAND LIFESTYLES

RTJ GOLF TRAIL'S RESORT COMMUNITIES
OFFER AFFORDABLE LUXURY LIVING



Life along Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is grand and you can live it all year long without breaking the bank.

A 2014 study by the Tax Foundation revealed the relative value of \$100 in Alabama was actually worth \$113.51. Alabama's value was among the highest, compared to \$88.57 in California, \$84.60 in Washington, D.C. and \$85.66 in New York. Among Southern states, dollars went further in Alabama than Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and many others. Not only does Alabama make financial sense for real estate, the lifestyle options are exceptional.

Between Colony at the Grand in Fairhope along Mobile Bay and National Village in Auburn/Opelika next to RTJ Grand National, your choices are indeed grand. Collectively, they offer 90 holes of world-class golf, 18 tennis courts, 4 pickleball courts, eight pools, endless miles of hiking and biking trails, great restaurants, shopping and much more. Whether you prefer a low-key coastal vibe with an eclectic/historic mix or the benefits of private luxury in an SEC collegiate atmosphere, both offer great lifestyle options.

The residential communities associated with the RTJ Golf Trail are expanding and offer unprecedented access to great golf and resort amenities all year long. National Village in Opelika and Colony at the Grand in Fairhope have very strong sales and are entering new phases of development. Your real estate and lifestyle options are increasing, just like the value of your dollar in Alabama. ...»



National Village



NATIONAL VILLAGE OVERVIEW

Auburn/Opelika, Alabama » www.nationalvillage.com

SPECTACULAR HOMES. UNLIMITED AMENITIES. AUBURN TRADITIONS.

National Village adjoins the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at Grand National in Opelika, Alabama, near Auburn. A planned 700-acre resort community, National Village skirts the 1500-acre, 54-hole golf facility plus a 600-acre lake, private lakes for residents and miles of walking and biking trails. The PGA TOUR's Barbasol Championship will be played on the Lake Course at RTJ Grand National in July 2015.

The on-site Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel & Conference Center at Grand National offers award-winning dining and 129 guest rooms. The hotel's new outdoor resort pool complex and bar have been very popular with National Village residents. When not on the golf course or in the pool, look for our residents on the tennis and pickleball courts. With both cardio and weight training equipment, consider the hotel's fitness center as your personal gym. All of these amenities and many more are available to National Village residents.

The Auburn/Opelika area was named one of the "Top 10 Places to Retire for Golf" by *US News & World Report*. Readers of *GolfWorld* named Opelika the #1 site for public golf in the country. *Golf Digest* named the RTJ Trail the top value for golf in the country and number eight for quality. National Village is an easy drive from these Southern cities: Atlanta (95 miles), Birmingham (112 miles), Chattanooga (215 miles), Mobile (214 miles) and Montgomery (57 miles).

» FOR MORE INFORMATION contact National Village at 334.749.8165 or visit www.nationalvillage.com.

COLONY AT THE GRAND

Fairhope/Point Clear, Alabama » www.colonyatthegrand.com

MAJESTIC OAKS. RESORT LIVING. GRAND TRADITIONS.

Come splash into family fun, sunset soirees and wonderful traditions at the Colony at the Grand. Since opening in 1847, The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa has been the Queen of Southern Resorts and now sun lovers can call it home all year long in the resort's newest residential community.

Amenity-rich living at the Lakewood Club at the Grand is centered on an aquatics center, fitness and wellness studio, tennis academy, dining and social areas and a business center. These amenities, together with the Lakewood Golf Club and the Grand Hotel's Spa, offer the residents of the Colony at the Grand a true resort-living experience. The Grand Hotel and its spa were both ranked among the country's best by *Conde Nast Traveler* and are easily accessible for Colony residents. History lovers will enjoy the daily military salute and cannon firing followed by a traditional afternoon tea in the Grand's lobby. Culinary lovers can join the monthly Culinary Weekend classes and enjoy great steaks and seafood all year long.

Exploring the Colony at the Grand doesn't end at the front gate of this private community. The quality of life at Point Clear is legendary. Explore the boutiques, galleries and restaurants of Fairhope or spend your day along the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail. The Fairhope/Point Clear area has gained notice in the *Wall Street Journal* as one of the Top 10 place in the U.S. to retire. Colony at the Grand is an easy drive from these Southern cities: New Orleans (166 miles), Baton Rouge (224 miles), Jackson (209 miles), Birmingham (266 miles), Mobile (23 miles) and Atlanta (336 miles). Perhaps it is time you take a look.

» TO LEARN MORE contact Colony at the Grand at 251.990.9951 or visit www.colonyatthegrand.com.

The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail offers two residential options for those looking to play the Trail all year long in their primary home or looking to invest in an upscale second residence. Each offers very different experiences. Both Auburn/Opelika and Fairhope/Point Clear have been praised as some of the top retirement locations in the country. Each area offers great cultural options, unique charm and access to multiple Trail courses. Your new home is waiting for you on Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail.

NATIONAL VILLAGE offers three distinct neighborhood options:

STONELAKE The opportunity to live in Stonelake is fading with only two unique homes remaining. Stonelake homes average 3,500 square feet. High ceilings and custom trimwork add drama while screened porches and patios invite gatherings. Prices start from \$528,900.

EAGLE BEND Wonderfully designed and finished, 3-bedroom energy-rated golf cottages with hardwood floors, Hardi-Plank siding, gas fireplaces, granite counters in kitchens and bathrooms, 9-foot ceilings and so much more. The Cottages at Eagle Bend offer seven different home styles with floor plans ranging from 1,500 to more than 1,700 square feet. Prices start in the mid \$200s.

QUAIL RIDGE The perfect blend of arts and crafts and cottage, these 3 and 4-bedroom homes are in the newest neighborhood at National Village. Priced from \$344,900.

THE COLONY AT THE GRAND offers both single family home and condominium options to spoil you:

BATTLES TRACE Neatly sitting along a 150-year-old grove of oak trees, Battles Trace is the third phase of development at Colony at The Grand. Now under construction, these upscale homes offer a great sense of community and easy access to the Lakewood Club at the Grand and its amenities. Starting in the low \$300s.

WATERSHED SOUTH The Colony's second phase of homes, Watershed, sold out in 2013, however, reservations are being taken for a similar neighborhood, Watershed South. Modern and efficient, these 3-bedroom, 2-bath homes will define sophisticated, low country southern living in every way. Priced from the mid \$400s.

BAYVIEW Featuring 56 units, Bayview overlooks Sweetwater Lake on the hotel's historic grounds. The Bayview condominium offers a breathtaking panorama at every floor from oak-draped parks and a freshwater lake to the magnificent 36 holes of the Azalea and Dogwood courses. Great views and low maintenance make these units popular for people on the go. Priced from low \$400s.



Colony at the Grand



A VISITOR'S GUIDE TO THE TRAIL »

Alabama's Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail is a collection of 468 holes of championship golf on 11 sites across Alabama. Most are near an interstate or federal highway and directions are easily marked by green highway signs.

The eight Resort Collection hotels on the Trail all fly the Marriott or Renaissance flags and are top in their class for luxury, golf and spa experiences.

The Wall Street Journal said the Trail **"MAY BE THE BIGGEST BARGAIN IN THE COUNTRY"** and The New York Times called the Trail **"SOME OF THE BEST PUBLIC GOLF ON EARTH."**

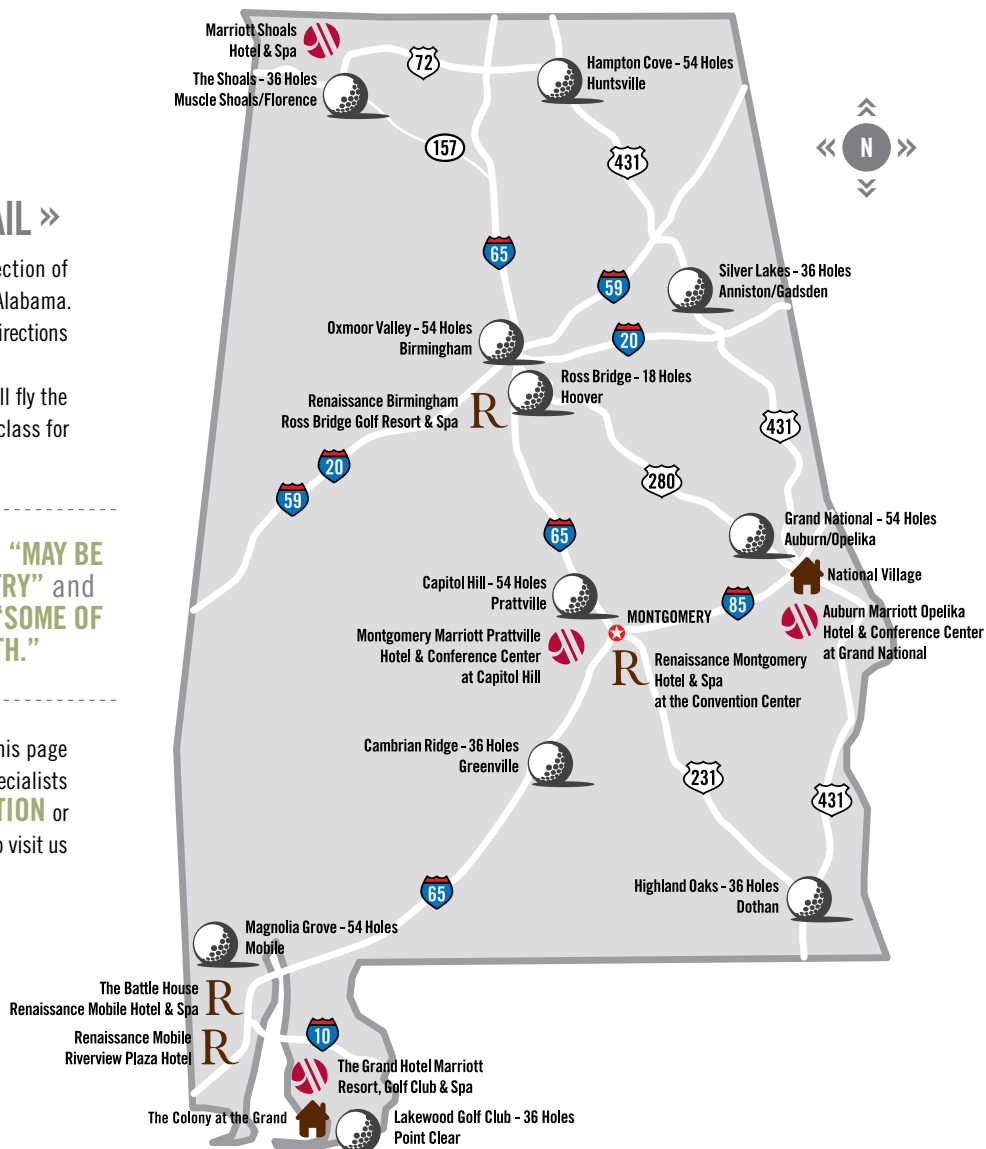
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	CAPITOL HILL	CAMBRIAN RIDGE	GRAND NATIONAL	HAMPTON COVE	HIGHLAND OAKS	MAGNOLIA GROVE	LAKEWOOD G.C.	OXMOOR VALLEY	ROSS BRIDGE	SILVER LAKES	SHOALS
CAPITOL HILL	—	57	78	193	114	183	185	86	85	155	212
CAMBRIAN RIDGE	57	—	114	245	99	137	139	138	137	207	264
GRAND NATIONAL	78	114	—	189	131	240	242	121	120	112	242
HAMPTON COVE	193	245	189	—	310	372	374	122	123	81	77
HIGHLAND OAKS	114	99	131	310	—	201	217	201	200	233	328
MAGNOLIA GROVE	183	137	240	372	201	—	39	264	263	333	364
LAKEWOOD G.C.	185	139	242	374	217	39	—	284	283	353	384
OXMOOR VALLEY	86	138	121	122	201	264	284	—	2	88	140
ROSS BRIDGE	85	137	120	123	200	263	283	2	—	89	141
SILVER LAKES	155	207	112	81	233	333	353	88	89	—	135
SHOALS	212	264	242	77	328	364	384	140	141	135	—

FIGHTING JOE COURSE

Black 8,092/78.7/138; Purple 7,126/74.0/135; Orange 6,628/71.5/130; White 6,154/69.3/123;
Teal 4,978/69.0/122; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	611	466	478	426	236	497	607	477	236
PURPLE	567	413	416	360	193	468	537	406	190
ORANGE	540	388	396	326	175	432	524	375	157
WHITE	512	370	373	313	160	408	467	332	145
TEAL	394	302	320	279	137	325	408	283	101
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	489	413	716	223	476	466	483	592	200
PURPLE	460	371	622	184	417	397	437	537	151
ORANGE	428	345	581	163	403	352	423	483	137
WHITE	412	332	498	153	369	326	385	473	126
TEAL	256	310	441	136	244	260	304	377	101
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	3

SCHOOLMASTER COURSE

Black 7,971/78.0/143; Purple 7,294/74.7/134; Orange 6,778/72.2/128; White 6,160/69.1/124;
Teal 5,249/70.3/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	453	238	477	632	472	265	459	509	681
PURPLE	421	196	450	568	452	231	400	445	645
ORANGE	382	178	421	549	409	208	366	406	604
WHITE	337	135	393	504	373	178	339	369	562
TEAL	311	131	337	478	315	158	268	325	488
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	226	589	618	455	417	447	197	443	393
PURPLE	202	559	568	424	390	414	157	409	363
ORANGE	168	521	527	402	368	395	146	390	338
WHITE	147	489	501	353	333	347	135	347	318
TEAL	122	381	479	307	265	267	101	283	233
PAR	3	5	5	4	4	4	3	4	4



THE SHOALS

FLORENCE/MUSCLE SHOALS » 36 HOLES

The Fighting Joe Course at The Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail at The Shoals opened August 2004 and was the first Trail course to break 8,000, measuring some 8,092 yards from the black tees.

It's long, really long, and this links style course is simply good, straight-forward golf. You can see where you're going. The question is... can you get there?

Some say the spectacular 17th hole is the signature hole on the course, but the 18th green overlooking Wilson Lake on the Tennessee River will distract you with its beauty, if not its treachery.

Travel + Leisure Golf named Fighting Joe one of the top new courses in 2004 for good reason. Long-hitters here will experience a test of champions; but from the correct tee box, all players will enjoy world-class golf.

The second course, The Schoolmaster (named for President Woodrow Wilson who was responsible for getting Wilson Dam built on the river and who was known as The Schoolmaster of Politics) opened in the Summer of 2005.

This tree-lined course is more traditional golf with every hole in keeping with the natural topography along the Tennessee River. It is wooded, rolling and spectacular.

First reports indicate The Schoolmaster may be a tougher course than Fighting Joe, but only time will tell. One thing's for sure, it's a shot maker's golf course with narrower fairways, tree-lined greens, and still a length of nearly 8,000 yards!

It's hard to beat the beauty that the 18th hole holds on the high bluffs over the river, but the waterfall on the 2nd hole sure comes close. Make sure you've done your homework well, for The Schoolmaster will certainly test all of your skills. ■

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HAMPTON COVE

HUNTSVILLE » 54 HOLES

The Northern gateway to the Trail is Hampton Cove in Huntsville, a 54-hole facility with terrain that drastically changes from one side of the property to the other.

Renovated in 2008, the Highlands Course has been restored to its original Scottish Links design. Long waving grasses frame beautiful rolling terrain and create beautiful golf holes. The finishing holes on the Highlands Course are among the most scenic and challenging on the Trail. One of the most recognizable landmarks on the Trail is the old mule barn beside the fifth hole.

Completely opposite in design is the River Course, the only Robert Trent Jones layout without a single bunker. The River Course is laid out on former soybean fields in the flood plain of the Flint River. The River Course is a throwback to the way courses were built long ago, where dirt was merely pushed up to create the greens and tees, leaving all else, including massive oak trees, as is. With water on 16 of the 18 holes, the River Course will challenge your shot making ability.

The Short Course at Hampton Cove is open and links-like, with water in play on 11 holes. It is a great venue for golfers of all skill levels and alternating tees allow golfers to hit every club in their bag! ■

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HIGHLANDS COURSE

Purple 7,428/76.0/132; Orange 6,806/69.9/123; White 6,070/69.9/123;

Ladies' Teal 4,951; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	409	403	550	215	412	435	453	238	526
ORANGE	394	372	518	183	378	406	424	190	511
WHITE	372	330	452	165	334	381	387	158	444
TEAL	309	303	377	94	273	336	318	94	361
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	461	206	435	415	414	539	259	621	437
ORANGE	434	177	347	391	382	520	211	570	398
WHITE	371	154	308	336	342	470	161	541	364
TEAL	257	108	265	319	298	390	101	475	304
PAR	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	5	4

RIVER COURSE

Purple 7,668/77.8/136; Orange 6,764/72.8/134; White 6,111/69.7/128;

Ladies' Teal 5,278/70.4/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	556	207	467	447	476	214	433	627	438
ORANGE	505	186	404	375	388	196	393	566	394
WHITE	463	165	347	342	350	158	360	540	348
TEAL	431	135	267	299	285	135	305	499	318
PAR	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	572	437	454	421	208	600	187	451	473
ORANGE	535	398	418	382	186	519	176	378	365
WHITE	486	353	379	314	165	494	163	350	334
TEAL	428	293	340	276	112	426	132	314	283
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,635; Orange 3,007; White 2,480; Teal 1,861; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	192	184	222	149	201	257	190	215	199
ORANGE	161	167	189	110	182	184	175	173	153
WHITE	124	152	154	95	149	145	144	145	128
TEAL	83	109	72	78	83	109	114	126	111
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	177	193	184	222	205	247	159	232	207
ORANGE	161	152	174	185	170	184	143	168	176
WHITE	115	131	144	156	143	137	115	151	152
TEAL	98	83	124	105	115	95	85	128	143
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

MINDBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,642; Purple 3,432/36.8/146; Orange 3,199/35.9/146; White 3,010/35.0/136;
Teal 2,376/32.1/105; Ladies' White 38.3/149; Ladies' Teal 33.9/117; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	546	226	408	207	556	434	420	454	391
PURPLE	546	177	361	189	531	408	406	423	391
ORANGE	505	165	345	180	515	389	362	387	351
WHITE	475	157	345	169	492	370	320	358	324
TEAL	403	96	296	123	376	279	280	317	206
PAR	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	4

HEARTBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,814; Purple 3,480/36.7/133; Orange 3,290/35.9/128; White 3,011/34.6/125;
Teal 2,474/32.5/109; Ladies' White 37.5/142; Ladies' Teal 34.5/120; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	568	466	455	431	215	452	550	229	448
PURPLE	532	414	427	404	174	412	521	198	398
ORANGE	481	375	402	404	165	394	506	165	398
WHITE	481	335	381	357	136	343	479	146	353
TEAL	431	290	329	312	109	301	375	67	260
PAR	5	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4

BACKBREAKER COURSE

Black 3,808; Purple 3,537/37.7/140; Orange 3,198/35.9/128; White 2,992/34.5/127;
Teal 2,369/32.0/113; Ladies' White 38.0/148; Ladies' Teal 34.9/126; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	455	206	455	458	231	401	623	445	534
PURPLE	426	159	425	451	194	371	578	399	534
ORANGE	406	143	399	400	167	346	496	342	499
WHITE	360	132	350	355	129	346	496	342	482
TEAL	293	92	294	292	99	212	369	287	431
PAR	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	4	5

SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,946; Orange 1,450; White 1,276; Teal 798; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	232	192	225	236	199	254	186	211	211
ORANGE	137	155	166	171	160	167	170	169	155
WHITE	123	133	146	156	130	138	147	150	153
TEAL	90	81	100	94	99	94	94	85	61
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



SILVER LAKES

ANNISTON/GADSDEN » 36 HOLES

Relax in the beauty of Northeast Alabama's stunning landscape as you explore 36 holes of forests, wetlands, grasslands and dramatic elevation changes. The Heartbreaker, Backbreaker, Mindbreaker and Short Course provide a challenging and scenic variety of holes to play.

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OXMOOR VALLEY

BIRMINGHAM » 54 HOLES

Centrally located in the state and just minutes from the newly revitalized downtown Birmingham area, this 54-hole facility was built on former mining land owned by U.S. Steel. Sculpted from the peaks and valleys of the Appalachians, the courses offer scenic forests, numerous creeks and challenging elevation changes.

The Ridge Course offers numerous elevation changes, heavy tree cover, and is incredibly photogenic. As a tribute to the area's mining past, the green at the par-5 3rd hole is buttressed by a shelf of exposed shale rock.

The Valley is considered a more traditional layout, dotted with numerous sand bunkers and picturesque lakes and streams. It stretches two miles downrange along a slender valley. The par-5 12th hole offers the most intimidating of tee shots, with a large lake looming in front of the player, letting the best of golfers bite off as much as they can chew.

The Short Course at Oxmoor Valley is a delightful collection of 18 pure one-shotters. It is listed by *Golf Digest's Places to Play* as one of the nation's Great Value courses in the public category. ■

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RIDGE COURSE

Purple 7,055/73.5/140; Orange 6,527/71.6/136; White 6,148/70.1/133; Teal 4,974/69.1/122;

Ladies' Teal 70.2/130; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	449	528	539	389	179	447	379	176	421
ORANGE	404	513	520	382	146	405	346	159	384
WHITE	364	500	506	356	123	389	317	129	393
TEAL	297	458	451	286	85	291	232	77	227
PAR	4	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	414	446	483	189	389	390	205	440	592
ORANGE	379	393	465	162	348	366	172	411	572
WHITE	361	373	440	137	333	353	165	396	543
TEAL	279	305	410	92	251	321	145	304	463
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	4	5

VALLEY COURSE

Purple 7,162/74.9/146; Orange 6,592/72.1/139; White 6,052/69.4/129; Teal 4,927/64.0/113;

Ladies' Orange 6,592/78.8/145; Ladies' White 6,052/75.4/144; Ladies' Teal 4,927/68.6/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	440	204	435	188	415	400	564	433	561
ORANGE	415	174	391	171	375	369	509	396	541
WHITE	393	153	363	145	327	334	475	358	513
TEAL	367	100	285	109	265	290	401	268	428
PAR	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	4	5
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	475	363	506	207	552	407	178	400	441
ORANGE	420	322	504	177	527	381	165	359	393
WHITE	393	279	490	147	502	335	120	337	363
TEAL	284	229	461	107	441	295	81	302	210
PAR	4	4	5	3	5	4	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,360; Orange 3,037; White 2,556; Teal 1,871; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	170	224	203	208	135	155	163	204	161
ORANGE	152	206	183	185	126	147	150	188	130
WHITE	122	195	138	142	113	139	131	170	119
TEAL	79	141	103	108	98	93	103	144	103
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	195	215	182	137	253	211	192	174	178
ORANGE	179	191	154	135	225	192	160	164	170
WHITE	166	158	144	127	141	153	137	129	132
TEAL	69	114	95	124	123	91	124	83	76
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

ROSS BRIDGE COURSE

Black 8,191/78.5/135; Purple 7,446/74.9/127; Orange 6,783/71.3/118; White 6,200/68.7/117;
Teal 5,312/70.2/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	620	467	470	226	469	207	619	502	518
PURPLE	573	430	445	202	417	194	561	447	410
ORANGE	543	395	422	155	380	185	519	408	377
WHITE	511	322	392	146	337	174	484	376	341
TEAL	463	278	366	140	303	110	458	311	285
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	477	208	454	698	239	458	571	501	487
PURPLE	454	184	429	614	219	415	538	467	447
ORANGE	417	167	408	540	176	366	511	411	403
WHITE	387	133	357	519	163	341	477	382	358
TEAL	273	120	326	403	130	293	410	334	309
PAR	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	4



ROSS BRIDGE

HOOVER » 18 HOLES

Alabama welcomes the newest addition to the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail: Ross Bridge. Beautifully carved into the rolling terrain of Shannon Valley, these 18 holes will challenge even the best golfers. Named one of *Zagat's* top new courses, Ross Bridge has hosted the Regions Charity Classic, a PGA Champions Tour event.

The course meanders through indigenous landscape and around the 259-room Renaissance Birmingham Ross Bridge Golf Resort & Spa. Ross Bridge is the fourth longest course in the world but offers multiple tees for golfers of all levels. Symbolic of an old parkland style course, ten holes play along the banks of two significant lakes connected by a spectacular waterfall dropping 80 feet between the ninth and eighteenth greens. A gristmill added to the waterfall reflects the history of this old mining site. The beauty and challenge of each hole leads many to believe there is not one signature hole but possibly eighteen.

Like many other Trail courses, the par-three holes are incredible. Considerable elevation changes combine with water or other natural obstructions to get your attention. Large putting surfaces provide many tempting pin locations that will test golfers' approach shots.

Number 17, a long par four, plays to a small, well-guarded green. Water frames the right side of this down-sloping hole. In the background is a picturesque view of the ninth and eighteenth holes with the waterfall tumbling between. The seventh hole offers a par five that traverses a ridge high above the rest of the course. The ninth will leave you speechless as it is time to decide how daring you are off the tee. A split fairway allows for either a short challenging route along the water's edge or opt for safer play leaving a longer, more difficult approach to the green. Regardless if it is a par three, four or five, Ross Bridge stands ready for your game! ■

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GRAND NATIONAL

AUBURN/OPELIKA » 54 HOLES

Both the Links Course and the Lake Course were in the top 10 of *Golf Digest's* list of "America's Top 50 Affordable Courses" and all three courses at Grand National are listed among the nation's 40 Super Value courses by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play". Grand National, by all reports, was the single greatest site for a golf complex Robert Trent Jones, Sr. had ever seen. Host site for the PGA Barbasol Championship, Grand National is built on 600-acre Lake Saugahatchee with 32 of the 54 holes draped along its filigreed shores.

The cornerstone of the complex is the Links Course, which is without a single weakness. The par four 18th is without a doubt the strongest finishing hole on the Trail. The drive must carry a corner of the lake, while the approach is played to a shallow pedestal green shored up by boulders. With 12 holes hugging the shore, Grand National's Lake Course is every bit as scenic as the Links. Not only is the quartet of par threes on the Lake Course as good as any in the nation, the 230-yard, island green 15th may be the single prettiest hole on the Trail. The Short Course, while overshadowed by the two main tracts, is a thing of beauty, with more than half the holes touching the lake. This 18-hole course of one-shotters might be the finest anywhere in the country.

National Village, a golfing community on the Trail, is adjacent to these courses and the Marriott Hotel. ■

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LAKE COURSE

Purple 7,149/74.3/136; Orange 6,488/71.3/126; White 5,948/68.7/117; Teal 4,910/68.7/117;

Ladies' White 74.4/133; Ladies' Teal 68.0/119; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	380	428	197	527	423	442	557	213	411
ORANGE	364	381	178	480	396	381	521	182	379
WHITE	319	361	168	447	385	352	477	148	339
TEAL	285	308	92	399	308	295	418	103	276
PAR	4	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	434	445	522	427	545	230	334	205	429
ORANGE	397	387	493	388	510	182	297	174	398
WHITE	353	356	459	361	488	160	285	143	357
TEAL	276	239	391	343	384	93	247	126	327
PAR	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	3	4

LINKS COURSE

Purple 7,311/75.1/135; Orange 6,574/72.3/129; White 6,015/69.6/119; Teal 4,843/69.6/113;

Ladies' White 75.5/139; Ladies' Teal 70.4/120; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	423	556	206	425	456	544	472	345	204
ORANGE	396	509	182	409	375	499	446	319	170
WHITE	366	470	165	384	342	460	409	299	133
TEAL	313	385	110	262	275	412	318	234	119
PAR	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	363	260	575	418	467	516	181	429	471
ORANGE	326	195	500	378	422	467	152	402	427
WHITE	289	151	493	343	372	451	118	368	402
TEAL	242	69	426	272	338	362	93	312	301
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,328/56.7; Orange 2,798/55.2; White 2,476/53.7; Teal 1,715/51.9;

Ladies' White 55.4; Ladies' Teal 53.2; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	188	201	171	173	187	173	152	216	250
ORANGE	170	166	151	152	147	137	119	193	234
WHITE	148	148	128	131	124	137	119	174	211
TEAL	93	106	83	92	102	97	89	119	71
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	161	187	231	185	138	204	202	155	154
ORANGE	131	172	179	151	108	184	173	110	121
WHITE	108	139	179	98	104	156	156	110	106
TEAL	85	95	119	58	72	143	108	77	106
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

LEGISLATOR COURSE

Black 7,477/76.9/149; Purple 6,836/74.0/143; Orange 6,366/71.4/139; White 5,901/69.4/131;
Teal 5,253/66.1/117; Ladies' White 74.3/133; Ladies' Teal 70.4/121; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	631	434	177	481	603	198	425	488	420
PURPLE	554	404	163	421	577	174	401	429	405
ORANGE	541	366	147	391	509	151	375	405	366
WHITE	490	330	136	355	490	137	361	374	338
TEAL	435	310	115	325	426	115	297	347	311
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	412	207	387	538	478	407	182	585	424
PURPLE	369	170	367	504	434	364	160	552	388
ORANGE	350	148	348	494	407	343	148	512	365
WHITE	337	126	331	467	382	313	124	480	330
TEAL	245	105	302	451	343	270	110	451	295
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	4

SENATOR COURSE

Black 7,654/77.4/132; Purple 6,941/74.1/125; Orange 6,410/70.9/126; White 5,831/68.1/121;
Teal 5,137/64.7/110; Ladies' White 73.6/123; Ladies' Teal 69.6/116; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	427	230	419	426	611	420	231	558	437
PURPLE	395	204	385	390	563	385	195	530	402
ORANGE	365	165	364	363	539	349	167	496	376
WHITE	329	139	322	339	500	326	129	453	343
TEAL	281	121	290	282	442	301	110	393	290
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	616	435	496	203	459	448	222	559	457
PURPLE	543	400	434	169	426	416	181	515	408
ORANGE	528	370	400	154	394	389	147	475	369
WHITE	484	358	374	138	358	334	115	456	334
TEAL	460	317	326	116	333	307	84	376	308
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	4

JUDGE COURSE

Black 7,813/78.5/147; Purple 7,082/75.1/142; Orange 6,517/71.7/131; White 5,910/68.7/128;
Teal 4,951/64.7/115; Ladies' White 74.4/137; Ladies' Teal 68.4/123; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	415	459	187	617	423	229	675	466	430
PURPLE	400	416	166	579	386	190	625	452	387
ORANGE	379	379	155	548	342	148	589	425	362
WHITE	347	350	129	486	326	133	575	396	330
TEAL	296	305	112	402	273	120	351	344	271
PAR	4	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
BLACK	711	478	231	427	469	552	256	430	358
PURPLE	563	400	215	405	424	529	223	384	338
ORANGE	543	370	179	358	385	500	170	364	321
WHITE	503	340	110	313	371	457	153	327	264
TEAL	421	268	94	261	352	413	126	288	254
PAR	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4



CAPITOL HILL

PRATTVILLE » 54 HOLES

Named the number 2 public golf site in the country by *Golf World* readers, Capitol Hill in Prattville continues to get praises from golfers and golf writers alike. *Golf* magazine called The Judge Course one of the 10 public courses in America worthy of hosting the U.S. Open and the *Zagat* Survey of America's Top Golf Courses ranked it among the top 50 courses in America. The Senator was named among the Top 10 New Courses in the nation by *Golf* magazine and is showcased in the fall by the LPGA. Located in Prattville, approximately 13 miles north of Alabama's state capitol, Capitol Hill features three 18-hole championship courses. With more than 1500 acres of golf and nature, the pure magnitude of this facility is amazing and allows each course to be drastically different from the others.

The Senator, a Scottish-Links style course with Champion Bermuda greens, holds more than 160 pot-hole bunkers and mounds 20 to 40 feet in height, hiding the cart path or any other hole from the fairway. The secluded settings of each hole will make it feel as if you are the only foursome on the course.

The Legislator, a more traditional course, plays in and out of pine trees and along the bluff. The view riding down the "Sky Bridge" for six holes laid out in a native cypress swamp will impress as you are led back up the bluff to finish the course at the spectacular clubhouse.

The Judge offers stunning vistas along the 200-acre backwaters of the Alabama River. The first tee lies 200 feet above the fairway overlooking the river and the Montgomery skyline. With 14 holes adjoining the water and a bulkhead island green, the Judge is described as simply magnificent.

Capitol Hill also features an innovative circular driving range 400 yards in diameter. ■

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CAMBRIAN RIDGE

GREENVILLE » 36 HOLES

Known by avid golfers as one of the most beautiful and most challenging stops on the Trail, Cambrian Ridge in Greenville lies just 40 miles from Montgomery. It is well worth the ride for any golfer looking for 36 holes of jaw-dropping golf.

This year on Memorial Day weekend, May 23-24, Cambrian Ridge will host the annual Father/Son Championship, one of the most popular events on the Trail.

The Sherling/Canyon combination was named by *Golf Digest* as the 3rd best new public course in America in 1994 and 13th in their list of America's Top 50 Affordable Courses. This combination was also named by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play" as one of the nation's 40 Super Value courses. The Loblolly nine, with its gently rolling fairways, cathedral-like pines, and water-fronted greens, exudes a stately, Augusta-like quality. The Canyon nine, carved from former hunting grounds where deer blinds remain nailed to the hardwood, is a thrilling stretch of target-style golf with hole No. 1 being a 501-yard par four that drops 200 feet from tee to fairway.

The Sherling nine may be the best nine on the entire Trail. Drama takes center stage at Sherling's ninth hole which marches straight uphill past a deep ravine strewn with ochre boulders to a lolling tongue of a double green shared with the ninth on the Canyon nine. Above this green is a clubhouse set atop the highest point in the county, its verandah serving up expansive 30-mile views of Southern forest land. The nine-hole Short Course is a marvelous collection of par-three holes laid out beautifully between the ridge and Sherling lake. The greens on Loblolly were upgraded in 2014. Sherling course enhancements are scheduled for summer of 2015. ■

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SHERLING COURSE

Purple 3,681/37.4/67; Orange 3,423/36.3/65; White 3,028/34.9/62; Teal 2,435/33.7/60;

Ladies' Teal 34.3/57; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	568	209	428	184	428	420	437	636	371
ORANGE	531	167	398	169	399	397	412	601	349
WHITE	490	146	365	141	367	324	354	514	327
TEAL	417	91	280	79	224	283	322	460	279
PAR	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	5	4

CANYON COURSE

Purple 3,746/38.0/74; Orange 3,490/36.9/72; White 3,058/35.8/70; Teal 2,422/34.4/68;

Ladies' Teal 33.9/59; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	501	275	585	444	383	418	522	258	360
ORANGE	477	244	553	421	353	374	499	237	332
WHITE	432	163	478	366	330	366	464	152	307
TEAL	371	130	409	297	272	259	336	108	240
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	4	5	3	4

LOBLOLLY COURSE

Purple 3,551/36.6/66; Orange 3,295/35.6/63; White 3,078/34.7/61; Teal 2,350/33.4/58;

Ladies' Teal 33.5/54; Par 35

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	497	421	418	182	418	222	503	447	443
ORANGE	469	397	390	155	413	196	434	423	418
WHITE	457	346	334	136	367	138	369	366	365
TEAL	342	322	249	75	301	112	344	321	284
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,640; Orange 1,415; White 1,116; Teal 745; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	156	187	211	147	173	159	231	185	191
ORANGE	136	155	187	123	142	141	210	162	159
WHITE	118	121	151	79	109	123	123	151	141
TEAL	81	71	94	66	76	75	76	93	113
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

HIGHLANDS COURSE

Black 3,892/38.7/71; Purple 3,580/37.5/69; Orange 3,285/36.0/72; White 2,966/34.5/69;
Teal 2,554/34.8/60; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	493	458	457	256	430	206	561	435	596
PURPLE	442	415	437	225	390	178	523	409	561
ORANGE	410	371	388	181	362	169	507	372	525
WHITE	392	341	354	127	336	145	422	352	497
TEAL	367	253	294	115	327	120	339	305	434
PAR	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	5

MARSHWOOD COURSE

Black 3,812/38.7/72; Purple 3,502/37.4/72; Orange 3,204/35.3/71; White 2,849/34.0/68;
Teal 2,531/34.7/60; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	411	564	406	205	456	701	448	199	422
PURPLE	370	521	364	178	441	660	421	167	380
ORANGE	334	483	327	147	418	616	382	149	348
WHITE	304	453	311	126	380	544	302	113	316
TEAL	276	406	266	114	351	435	287	94	302
PAR	4	5	4	3	4	5	4	3	4

MAGNOLIA COURSE

Black 3,701/38.1/66; Purple 3,415/36.7/67; Orange 3,141/34.8/63; White 2,862/33.8/61;
Teal 2,471/34.2/57; Par 36

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
BLACK	392	205	577	546	416	481	195	437	452
PURPLE	371	166	545	516	377	441	176	409	414
ORANGE	330	147	520	480	352	396	150	373	393
WHITE	296	110	476	457	317	363	136	341	366
TEAL	252	81	392	413	291	307	111	297	327
PAR	4	3	5	5	4	4	3	4	4

SHORT COURSE

Purple 1,809; Orange 1,539; White 1,229; Teal 874; Par 27

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	199	241	216	172	174	188	232	178	209
ORANGE	164	215	181	149	137	141	197	175	180
WHITE	121	184	133	127	101	113	159	136	155
TEAL	85	108	94	83	73	76	106	113	136
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3



HIGHLAND OAKS

DOTHAN » 36 HOLES

Located in the southeast corner of Alabama, Highland Oaks offers three nine-hole championship courses. The Highlands/Magnolia combination was named by *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play" as one of the nation's Great Value courses. This 36-hole complex features some of the longest and most classically designed holes on the Trail. Each nine has a different personality. Highlands, the core nine, is relatively open with several lakes in play. The peninsula green at the par-3 sixth has an elusive, beckoning quality.

Marshwood has been made famous (or notorious) by its behemoth par-5 sixth, which stretches to 701 yards from the tips. The 422-yard par-4 ninth, a left to right dogleg, is arguably the best hole at the site and has a tilted green elevated above a swathe of wetlands. The Magnolia nine is well-named: specimen magnolia trees dot the higher ground, which is reached via a 1,000-foot long wooden bridge spanning a marsh filled with lichen-dappled trees. The feature hole is the 416-yard fifth, where a split-level fairway offers an option off the tee. The Short Course, a nine-hole par 3, has demanding bunker placements, three water holes and possibly the best putting Bermuda greens in the South. ■

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MAGNOLIA GROVE

MOBILE » 54 HOLES

The new Magnolia Grove features two renovated golf courses. Each championship course received extensive renovations in the past three years. Golfers will find more “player friendly” qualities without compromising the integrity of Robert Trent Jones’ original design.

Magnolia Grove, the most southern location on Alabama’s Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail was recently named one of the “Top 50 Public Courses” by *Golf World Magazine* readers. The Crossings and Falls courses are also listed in *Golf Digest’s* “Places to Play” as two of the nation’s great value courses and as “America’s Top 50 Affordable Courses.”

The topography at Magnolia Grove features creeks, marshland, and lakes with each of the 54 holes carved through indigenous hardwood and pine. The new Crossings Course, which hosts the LPGA Tour each spring, provides an open parkland type ambiance. Several water features and crushed oyster shell waste areas were added to provide an exciting new look. All 18 greens have been redesigned and planted with the newly acclaimed Mini Verde ultra dwarf Bermuda grass.

The renovated Falls Course reopened in October 2010 as the only par-71 golf course on the Trail. The main tract at Magnolia Grove is characterized by large, liberally contoured Mini Verde greens and massive cloverleaf bunkers. Several holes were entirely redesigned giving the course a brand new look.

Golf Digest named the Short Course at Magnolia Grove as the best par-3 course in America. The Short Course, also recently renovated, features several newly designed greens and all new putting surfaces with the acclaimed Champion ultra dwarf Bermuda grass. Renovations were complete in August 2011. This course is as good as any collection of one-shotters on a championship course. ■

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CROSSINGS COURSE

Purple 7,212/74.7/134; Orange 6,652/71.6/131; White 6,157/69.2/126;

Ladies’ Teal 5,261/69.4/115; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	422	185	385	540	430	528	412	219	406
ORANGE	387	168	347	511	392	500	385	192	381
WHITE	342	135	317	496	378	484	369	163	349
TEAL	275	101	279	478	331	425	314	122	316
PAR	4	3	4	5	4	5	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	417	398	421	559	195	423	596	226	450
ORANGE	386	364	392	524	172	400	535	201	415
WHITE	374	334	371	508	157	354	476	168	382
TEAL	348	273	285	430	99	282	425	134	344
PAR	4	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4

FALLS COURSE

Purple 7,158/74.6/142; Orange 6,674/71.4/135; White 6,119/69.5/126; Teal 5,049/68.1/124;

Ladies’ Teal 70.4/124; Par 71

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	448	195	430	407	582	190	446	417	420
ORANGE	406	179	413	367	522	173	410	393	386
WHITE	370	152	380	345	506	143	390	372	349
TEAL	345	111	308	335	415	91	340	296	279
PAR	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	570	206	423	169	444	445	426	388	552
ORANGE	552	188	405	157	398	407	414	373	531
WHITE	523	161	370	137	369	364	351	325	512
TEAL	393	106	324	117	264	328	295	282	420
PAR	5	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	5

SHORT COURSE

Purple 3,140; Orange 2,734; White 2,279; Teal 1,829; Par 54

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	174	180	189	215	137	135	190	178	160
ORANGE	160	170	165	189	107	126	152	153	140
WHITE	119	137	124	155	91	100	127	140	126
TEAL	93	102	90	136	71	80	90	110	118
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	173	192	195	205	190	110	192	155	170
ORANGE	151	174	170	175	164	99	161	135	143
WHITE	132	132	142	143	144	85	138	111	133
TEAL	117	108	128	121	103	70	122	80	90
PAR	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

AZALEA COURSE

Purple 7,504/75.3/132; Orange 6,759/71.5/126; White 6,112/68.5/117; Teal 5,431/70.3/116;
Red 4,725/67.8/111; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	636	411	420	203	355	572	225	463	470
ORANGE	558	375	400	178	315	520	180	422	385
WHITE	490	345	353	164	288	491	159	379	372
TEAL	455	312	339	145	243	400	148	349	305
RED	410	255	303	77	216	354	120	296	293
PAR	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	429	514	448	196	545	195	471	475	476
ORANGE	389	500	398	180	531	147	428	423	430
WHITE	347	460	371	158	472	133	342	386	402
TEAL	344	420	354	117	421	107	289	349	334
RED	302	321	338	107	383	66	273	307	304
PAR	4	5	4	3	5	3	4	4	4

DOGWOOD COURSE

Purple 7,063/72.9/128; Orange 6,521/70.4/126; White 5,885/67.5/115; Teal 5,301/70.3/122;
Red 4,578/66.5/112; Par 72

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
PURPLE	528	425	214	399	499	426	305	191	398
ORANGE	483	410	174	380	469	415	286	177	361
WHITE	425	375	167	362	442	379	262	155	328
TEAL	385	330	143	344	397	347	236	128	294
RED	335	266	105	239	346	324	221	106	256
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PURPLE	380	445	548	233	463	454	572	209	374
ORANGE	347	415	521	191	428	424	531	176	333
WHITE	316	367	454	170	355	381	479	157	311
TEAL	296	322	390	154	335	361	408	139	292
RED	267	295	334	130	315	312	382	119	226
PAR	4	4	5	3	4	4	5	3	4



LAKEWOOD GOLF CLUB

POINT CLEAR » 36 HOLES

The venerable Dogwood and Azalea courses at The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa, have seen a lot in their days. They've hosted President Gerald Ford, Dr. Billy Graham and Bob Hope, to name a few of the more famous players.

They've been through renovations and hurricanes and still remain a showcase for great golf in the South. First built in 1947, the Lakewood Golf Club at The Grand Hotel showcases fairways lined with 200-year-old oaks and a dramatic signature hole, the 14th on Azalea. An island green is surrounded by a four-acre lake, which makes your approach shot to this par-5 very demanding. Recently renovated, the new designs lend themselves to superb conditioning year round. With the addition or expansion of 10 water features over the span of the 36 holes as well as other interesting architectural features, golfers are faced with decisions at every corner.

Lakewood's two 18-hole courses alternate openings between Grand Hotel guests and Trail Card Holders, and Lakewood Golf Club members. The varying degree of difficulty promises a memorable golf experience for both the novice and the experienced golfer alike. Where the Dogwood course might seem a tad bit easier, and the Azalea, more of a challenge, both courses can play to your liking depending on your selection of tees. With five sets of tees per hole, your decision should be rather easy.

Funded by the Retirement Systems of Alabama, the renovation of both courses brings them on par with many of the great resort golf courses in the country. Lakewood Golf Club has several times been named to *Golf Magazine's* "Best Golf Resorts in America."

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